

### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claim 7 is allowable. Allowable claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form as new claim 12. Original claims 2-6 and 8-10 have been rewritten as new claims 13-20, respectively, to depend from claim 12. New claim 21 is a method claim corresponding to the subject matter of apparatus claim 12. Claims 1-11 have been cancelled. Therefore, allowance of claims 12-21 is deemed to be warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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